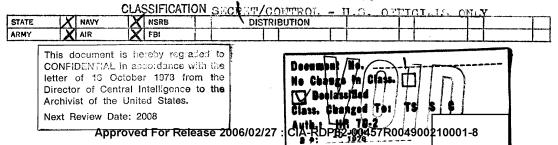


- At the instigation of Lt. Gen. Makarov, Heitsch arranged that tractor trials should be held at Zittau on 12 April 1950. The purpose of these trials was to enable a selection committee to decide upon the type of tractor which would be most suitable for drawing the artillery pieces assigned to the Objekte.
- 2. The committee consisted of Lt. Gen. Makarov and 1st Lt. Krifsov, who represented the SKK, Col. Korolov representing the Russian liaison officers attached to the Volkspolizei, Heitsch, Wulz, Insp. Hoffmann and Pol. Rat Bohn, representing the HVA; Insp. Hagen and a Pol. Ob. Rat, name unknown from Zittau. Lt. Gen. Makarov did not, however, attend the trials, though arrangements had been made for him to be present. Col. Korolov wore the uniform of a VP-Inspekteur.
- 3. The tractors on trial were the Pionier (40 HP), the Aktivist (30 HP) and the IFA (22 HP) all normally used only for agricultural purposes. Artillery pieces used in the trial were all Russian. They included the 152 mm, the 122 mm, and the 76.2 mm.
- 4. The result of the trials was not favorable. Both the Aktivist and the IFA were generally considered to be unsuitable for heavy work. It was thought, however, that the IFA might be of use for training purposes only. It was decided that 25 Pionlers should be ordered from Zwickau with the intention of allocating three to each "B" Schule and four to each "B" Bereitschaft. Insp. Hoffmann was instructed to prepare a full report on the trials for Lt. Gen. Makarov.
- 5. Of the 150 ZIS 3-ton trucks, earlier reported to be at Frankfurt/Oder, 85 have now been delivered to the HVA and are now in Zentral Gerätelager Berlin-Lichtenberg. A further 15 are still at the frontier. There has, however, been no further news of the 50 outstanding and it is believed that the earlier figure of 150 was incorrect or that the figure included more than one ∞nsignment.

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6. Fifty JAVA motorcycles are to be picked up in Dresden during the week ending 22 April 1950. They will be sent to Grossenhain (C-Bereitschaft) for further distribution.

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- 7. All the eight BNWs, promised for the first half of this year, are ready for collection. Of the 50 BMWs, promised during the same period, only 10 are expected to be ready by the end of April. Nineteen of the 322 BMW motorcycles are due for collection on 19 April 1950. There will be no further delivery during April. The 1250 bicycles promised for the first half of this year are awaiting collection from MIFA, Sangerhausen.
- 8. "C" Bereitschaften (armored) have been instructed to submit monthly returns of their Armored Force Vehicles to Abteilung Kraftfahrwesen.
- 9. Heitsch has ordered that the allocation of trucks to Berlin-Treptow be increased by three, making a total of nine. This is due to the fact that the Bereitschaft has further to go than any other Bereitschaft for its field training.
- 10. The location of VPB Boitzenburg, which was vacated when the VPB left for Loebau on 5 Armil 1950, is to be used for a relice sanatorium. Extensive building alterations have first to be made.
- 11. Heitsch recently had occasion to visit Frankenberg where he asked the PK-Isiter how the men from Berlin-Treptow were settling down. The PK-Leiter said that they were a discontented bunch and said that there are not enough women in Frankenberg. The PK-Isiter added that he had received reports from Treptow to the effect that those, who had been transferred there from Frankenberg, were well pleased with their lot.
- 12. The outcome of Kommandeur Hampel's and his committee's investigations into irregularities among the Intendantur staffs at VPS/VPB level is that six Intendanturleiter are to be moved. Three of these are at present in Zittau, Frankenbarg and Prora. No other details are at present available.